

REPORT OF MEDICATION BRIDGE

The Medication Bridge Program was initiated in Wolfeboro, NH in January of 2001. Over the course of the past seven years, over six million dollars worth of medications have been provided to area patients we serve. The program is staffed by volunteers and remains an all-volunteer program. We operate under the umbrella of the Foundation for Healthy Communities which is based in Concord, NH. Of the 40 plus programs in the state, Medication Bridge is one of two programs in the state of New Hampshire that is staffed totally by volunteers.

The program currently has four volunteers because the workload has been substantially reduced due to the enrollment of so many patients in Medicare D insurance plans. Overall, an average of 20 volunteer hours each week is now being contributed to the program.

We ask for assistance from those towns whose residents receive at least 5% of the total value of medications received during the preceding fiscal year (July 1 through June 30).

During the July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 time period we served 16 residents from Alton and residents from Alton received 157 medications valued at \$55,131. The cost to the patient was basically \$0.

Based upon the value of the medications received by the **Alton** residents whom we served this past year, we are asking for the **Town of Alton** to approve a sum of **\$163** to assist us in meeting the needs of the Alton residents we serve.

For information and assistance please contact us at 569-7613.

Respectfully submitted,
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